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SUBJECT - RECENT LIBYA RELATED TERRORIST INCIDENTS

FOR YOUR USE AT THE TOKYO SUMMIT, THIS CABLE PROVIDES TWO LISTS OF LIBYA RELATED TERRORIST INCIDENTS. THE FIRST, AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE LIST IS A CHRONOLOGY OF ALL TERRORIST INCIDENTS WHERE WE HAVE A REASON TO BELIEVE THERE IS A LIBYAN CONNECTION, OR WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN RETALIATION FOR OUR STRIKE ON TRIPOLI. THE SECOND, SHORTER LIST EXTRACTS ONLY THOSE INCIDENTS FOR WHICH WE HAVE CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT OR WHERE CREDIBLE THIRD PARTIES HAVE TAKEN ACTION AGAINST LIBYA..

[1](#)1. LIBYA-RELATED TERRORIST INCIDENTS -- APRIL 25: A STAFF MEMBER AT THE US EMBASSY IN SANAA WAS SHOT NEAR HIS RESIDENCE BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS. ALTHOUGH NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE HAS SO FAR BEEN OBTAINED, LIBYA REMAINS THE PRIME SUSPECT IN THE ATTACK.

-- APRIL 24: A BOMB RIPPED THROUGH THE LONDON OFFICES OF BRITISH AIRWAYS, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. NO CREDIBLE CLAIMS FOR THE ATTACK WERE RECEIVED; HOWEVER, THERE WAS PRESS SPECULATIONS ABOUT LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT BECAUSE OF EARLIER LIBYAN WARNINGS THAT "THE CIA" WAS PLANNING BOMBING ATTACKS IN EUROPE.

-- APRIL 19: A BOMB EXPLODED AT A MORMON CHURCH IN CARACAS APRIL 19, SERIOUSLY INJURING THE SUSPECTED PERPETRATOR. THE BOMBING IS BELIEVED TO BE RELATED TO THE US ATTACK ON LIBYA.

-- APRIL 18: FOUR LIBYANS WERE ARRESTED ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK THE US AIR FORCE OFFICERS' CLUB IN ANKARA. TWO OF THE SUSPECTS WERE APPROACHING THE CLUB WITH A BAG FILLED WITH GRENADES AND EXPLOSIVES AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST. IN ISTANBUL, A BOMB PLANTED OUTSIDE A TURKISH-AMERICAN BANK WAS DISARMED BY TURKISH SECURITY FORCES.

-- APRIL 18: A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE US EMBASSY IN ACCRA, GHANA, RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE POLICEMAN.

-- APRIL 17: THE BODIES OF THREE HOSTAGES, TWO BRITONS AND AN AMERICAN, WERE FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS EAST OF BEIRUT. ON APRIL 18, FOREIGN SECRETARY HOWE PUBLICLY LINKED LIBYA TO THE MURDER OF THE TWO BRITISH HOSTAGES.

-- APRIL 17: FOUR ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES WERE FIRED AT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN WEST BEIRUT. THE OMAR AL-MUKHTAR, A LIBYAN-NAMED GROUP, CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK.

-- APRIL 16: THE ITALIAN-BRITISH ASSOCIATION IN BOLOGNA WAS FIRE-BOMBED. A CALLER FOR THE "ARMED COMMUNIST FRONT," AN UNKOWN GROUP, SAID THE ATTACK WAS IN RESPONSE TO BRITAINS'S ASSISTANCE IN THE ATTACK ON LIBYA.

-- APRIL 16: AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN THREW BOMBS AT BOTH THE MARINE HOUSE AND AT THE PERSONAL VEHICLE OF A USDAO EMPLOYEE IN TUNIS.

-- APRIL 15: A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AT EMBASSY KHARTOUM WAS SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN THE HEAD WHILE DRIVING HOME.

-- APRIL 9: TWO LIBYAN DIPLOMATS WERE EXPELLED FROM THE FRG FOR INVOLVEMENT IN A PLAN TO ATTACK US FACILITIES IN MUNICH.

-- APRIL 5: A WEST BERLIN DISCO FREQUENTED BY US SERVICEMEN WAS BOMBED. THE OPERATION WAS PLANNED AND DIRECTED BY LIBYAN DIPLOMATS IN EAST BERLIN.

-- EARLY APRIL: TWO LIBYAN DIPLOMATS EXPELLED BY THE FRENCH FOR INVOLVEMENT IN A PLAN TO ATTACK US EMBASSY PARIS. FRANCE ALSO EXPELLED TWO OTHER ARAB NATIONALS WORKING FOR LIBYAN FOR INVOLVEMENT IN A SEPARATE ANTI-US PLOT.

-- MARCH 28: THE LIBYAN-NAMED OMAR AL MUKHTAR GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROCKET ATTACK AGAINST US EMBASSY COMPOUND IN WEST BEIRUT.

-- FEBRUARY 17: THE OWNER OF AN ANTI-LIBYAN RADIO STATION WAS SHOT BY SUSPECTED LIBYAN AGENTS IN ROME.

-- DECEMBER 27, 1985: ABU NIDAL ATTACKS AIRPORTS IN VIENNA AND ROME; PASSPORTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE LINK THE ATTACKS TO LIBYA.

-- NOVEMBER 18, 1985: EGYPTIAN BUSINESSMAN, REPORTEDLY AN ANTI-QADHAFI EXILE, ASSASSINATED IN ATHENS.

-- NOVEMBER 23, 1985: LIBYAN COMPLICITY STRONGLY SUSPECTED IN HIJACKING OF EGYPTIAN AIRLINER ENROUTE FROM ATHENS TO CAIRO.

-- OCTOBER 6, 1985: IN GREECE, LIBYAN OPPOSITIONIST TOUSSEF AKEILA WAS SHOT AND BADLY WOUNDED. HIS ASSAILANT REMAINS AT LARGE.

-- AUGUST 6, 1985: EGYPT--TWO EGYPTIANS ARRESTED IN PLOT TO ASSASSINATE GHAYTH SA'ID AL-MARBURK. LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

-- APRIL 23, 1985: LIBYAN GUNMAN KILL A MOROCCAN IN THE FRG. THE KILLER, ARRESTED AT SCENE, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE APRIL 6 MURDER.

-- APRIL 6, 1985: A LIBYAN GUNMAN ARRESTED AFTER KILLING AN ANTI-QADHAFI LIBYAN STUDENT AND WOUNDING TWO GERMAN PASSERBY IN BONN.

APRIL 2, 1985 A LIBYAN BUSINESSMAN ASSASSINATED IN NICOSIA BY AN UNIDENTIFIED GUNMAN.

II. TERRORIST INCIDENTS WITH CONFIRMED LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT

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